Approval to GTZ assisted health system projects in HP

2911. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded approval to GTZ (German Agency) assisted basic health system projects to be launched in five districts of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons in each case;

(c) whether Government have organized some negotiations with German Agency;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to accord approval to the pending proposals in terms of part (c) above; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) A Note of Exchange/ Agreement concerning the Indo-German Project support for the Establishment of a Decentralised Health Services in Himachal Pradesh has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Germany on 29.6.2000. An amount of DS 6 M has been committed by the Government of FRG (GTZ) for this purpose. The project is under implemention.

Fake drugs

† 2912. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Dawaon ke ek jaise naam, Grahak hairan, Chemist pareshan," which appeared in the Navbharat Times, dated 10th February, 2001; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the concrete steps Government are taking to save the lives of the people?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) News-item referred to in the question pertains to marketing of drugs under similar names which can cause confusion to the chemists leading to dispensation of wrong medicines.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.